

Town of Locke, Yuen Chong Market
13923 River Road
Locke
Sacramento County
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TOWN OF LOCKE

YUEN CHONG MARKET

Location: 13923 River Road (County Road E-13; east side of
River Road, west side of Main Street)

USGS Courtland Quadrangle:
UTM Coordinates: 10/630455/4234510

Present Owner: George Marr Building Owner
Route 1, Box 230
Walnut Grove, California 95690

Asian City Development Company, Inc. Land Owner
P.O. Box 987
Walnut Grove, California 95690

Present Occupant: Yuen Chong Market.

Present Use: Grocery and Market.

Significance: This wooden frame structure departs from the typical false-fronted buildings along River Road with its Baroque-type stuccoed false front. It is the end building of the original River Road street elevation, and has always served as a market.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural merit and interest: This is the only stuccoed false front facade on the street. The rest of the block is frame buildings with wooden facades.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The rectangular, two-story building measures approximately thirty-eight feet across the four-bay east front by sixty feet deep.
2. Foundation: Wooden piers and beams, sitting above grade with a low crawl space.

3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden siding with corner boards on the north, east, and south walls. The west facade is stuccoed and has a Baroque-like false front. Both the east and west facades are painted a light sea green color. The east facade appears to have been altered by having the roof raised and an addition constructed.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: A wooden canopy extends over the concrete sidewalk on the east facade. The canopy's north end has a gabled false front with vertical wooden siding, supported by metal tie rods that extend up at an angle, curve over a wooden brace, and extend back down to the roof in gable-like fashion. This canopy is covered with corrugated sheet metal and has a metal soffit. A broader wooden canopy is hung across the west facade, supported in part by five metal guy chains attached to the building. The roof, with a low parapet, is covered with built-up asphalt roofing, trimmed with a wooden fascia and metal soffit. Two small shed-roofed additions abut the south facade, housing refrigeration equipment. These additions have wooden siding and the roof is covered with asphalt roofing.
6. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The main entrance on the east facade is a double doorway topped by a one-light transom. The two wooden swing doors have a large single glass panel, wooden surrounds and metal threshold. The double doorway entrance on the west facade is similar, except that it has a two-light transom and no threshold. Both entrances are recessed with a splayed wall on each side.

The exterior entrance to the storage room addition on the east facade has a board-and-batten door. There is an additional entrance on the addition's east facade to a refrigerator. The large wooden refrigerator door has wooden surrounds and wooden sill. A wooden door near the center of the second-floor east facade has been closed up.

- b. Windows and shutters: Display windows on the east facade of the first floor are framed by wooden sills and surrounds. Below the windows are simulated four-inch tile hardboard panels and a splayed sash on each side of the recessed entrance. To the left of the entrance are three fixed windows with five fixed lights above the three larger lights. The display window to the right has one fixed light sash with three smaller fixed sashes above. One sash has been boarded-up with plywood. The splayed entrance windows each have a fixed light with a smaller fixed light above. Display windows on the west facade are similar to those on the east, but have been partially boarded-up with plywood. The panel below the display windows is stuccoed. Second-floor windows are one-over-one light, double-hung sash. A wooden louvre window pierces the east gable end, opening into the attic.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering. The north slope of the gable is longer than the south. A shed roof covered with corrugated sheet metal is on the north one-story addition. There are three skylights in the shed roof protected by wire glass and a well that is covered with beaded board paneling.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed cornice, narrow overhang.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: The entrance to the first floor is through a splayed recessed, double doorway into the main store sales area. The sales area covers the entire first floor with the exception of a small storage room under the stairway on the west side. In the addition to the north are an office, storage room and large walk-in refrigerator. A wide stairway on the west leads up to the second level.
 - b. Second floor plan: The second floor has a splayed recessed entrance from the west River Road side. It opens into a landing that leads down the wide central stairway. To each side of the stairway is unused display space. The remainder of the second floor is used for storage; one section is presently being converted into an apartment.
2. Stairways: The wooden stairway is built into an open well in the center of the building. A wooden balustrade is on each side of the opening at the second floor with a molded handrail and small square balusters extending from a newel post on each side of the opening. A wooden handrail attached to the wall extends down to the first floor.
 3. Flooring: Wooden flooring.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Beaded-board walls and ceilings with moldings; most surfaces are painted.
 5. Doorways and doors: Wooden framed doorways with paneled doors. Office door on first floor has a wooden door with the horizontal panels below a large glass panel.
 6. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: Propane gas-fired unit heaters.
 - b. Lighting: Electrical fluorescent fixtures.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building stands between River Road (on the west) and Main Street (on the east). It is one story on the west and two on the east. A narrow alleyway frames each side, the north side of which has had a small living quarters built into it. The boardwalk extends from the other west front buildings and ends at the north edge of the building. To the west of the boardwalk is a small concrete curb and concrete paved parking area, extending out to River Road. The concrete walk on the east side, lower level has seven concrete bollards between it and the street.
2. Outbuildings: A small, two-story residence has been constructed in the alleyway on the north side. The first level has wooden siding and part of it is enclosed with vertical and horizontal slats, enclosing storage space. The second level has corrugated sheet metal walls, a gable roof with corrugated sheet metal. A wooden rail leads from the boardwalk to the residence. A wooden lattice screen defines the second level of the south alleyway; a wooden deck extends along a part of the south side at the entrance.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chinese Historical Association of America. The recording project was completed during the summer of 1979 under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth L Anderson, Jr., Principal Architect; John P. White, Project Supervisor (Texas Tech University); Pamela O. Chang, Architectural Foreman (University of California, Berkeley); with student architects William F. Hand (Auburn University); Clemson Lam (University of Hawaii); Gregory C. Tung (Yale University); and David G. Virgil (Carnegie-Mellon University), at the HABS Field Office in Sacramento, California. The drawings were edited in the HABS Washington office in January 1980 by staff architects William Graham and David Marsh. The written data was edited by staff historian Jan Cigliano during January-March 1980.

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